

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on March 10, 2005, the Examiner indicated that certain references discussed in the specification would not be considered unless they were submitted along with an information disclosure statement, rejected claims 1, 7 and 9 - 11 under 35 U.S.C. section 102 as being anticipated by Shell et al. (US 6,231,394), rejected claims 5, 6, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. section 103 (a) as being obvious combination of Schell et al (US 6,231,394) and Wu et al (US 5,879,169) allowed claims 12 - 17 and indicated that claims 2 - 4 would allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With this amendment claim 2 has been canceled and claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Claims 1 and 3-17 remain in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Attached to this amendment is an information disclosure statement along with the prior art references discussed in the specification. The specification has been amended in order to delete one of the three references which is not relevant to this application.

Allowed and Allowable Claims

The Examiner is thanked for his allowing claims 12 - 17. The Examiner is also thanked for indicating that claims 2 - 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The limitations of claim 2 were incorporated into original independent claim 1, as suggested by the Examiner, making amended claim 1 allowable. Also since claims 3 (as amended to depend upon claims 1) and 4 - 11 depend from allowable amended claim 1, they are also allowable making the rejections under 35 USC sections 102 and 103 (a) moot.. Claims 2 was canceled.

Since all of the objections and rejections have been overcome, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all of the claims remaining in this application to grant into a patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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